

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY**

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Boston Edison Company ) D.T.E. 00-82

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**Motion of boston edison company to supplement filing and TO ESTABLISH  
PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

Pursuant to 220 C.M.R. 1.04(5) and the Hearing Officer's Memorandum dated January 25, 2001, Boston Edison Company ("Boston Edison" or the "Company") hereby moves to supplement and update the Company's November 2, 2000 Reconciliation Filing and to establish the proposed procedural schedule as set forth in Attachment A to this motion as the procedural schedule in this proceeding.

As discussed below, the Company believes that permitting it to supplement information already filed and to adopt the attached schedule will promote administrative efficiency in the conduct of this and related proceedings, and is consistent with and promotes the goals of Boston Edison's Restructuring Settlement Agreement (the "Restructuring Settlement"), as approved by the Department in Boston Edison Company, D.P.U./D.T.E. 96-23 (1998) and Chapter 164 of the Acts of 1997 (the "Act"), regarding the administration and periodic reconciliation of the Company's transition charge.

As discussed in the Company's November 2, 2000 letter accompanying its initial filing in this proceeding, the Company has proposed to provide a supplemental filing in the spring of 2001 in order to provide year-end data and to allow a final reconciliation for costs and revenues for the year 2000. The attached schedule proposes a date for this updated filing of April 13, 2001 and sets forth associated dates for discovery, intervenor testimony (if any), hearings and briefing. In many ways, the proposed schedule is similar to the procedural schedule actually followed in prior years' reconciliation proceedings. The intent of the supplemental filing is to update the previously filed, forecasted financial data

for the last portion of 2000 with actual year-end results. This is intended only to make the review more current because, absent such an update, final data for 2000 would not be reviewed and subject to discovery and hearings until sometime in 2002. With the proposed schedule, such information can be reviewed in 2001. Although all costs and revenues are ultimately reconciled under either model, allowing the Company to update information for the last portion of the year 2000 in this proceeding permits the reconciliation process to occur a year earlier, and the results of the Department's review potentially to be reflected in annual rate adjustments a year earlier.

The Company submits that this proposal is consistent with the Restructuring Settlement and the Electric Restructuring Act. Section V.E of the Restructuring Settlement provides for an "Annual Update Filing" in November of every year, with such filing to include part actual and part forecast costs. Boston Edison has complied with this requirement and proposes only to update forecasted information. Since all forecasted amounts are to be reconciled to actual amounts, the filing of supplemental information furthers that objective in a more timely manner. There is nothing in the Restructuring Settlement that is inconsistent with providing such updated information in April for review in this proceeding (as opposed to waiting for the November 2001 filing, which would be reviewed in 2002).

With respect to whether filing such updates complies with the Act, it should be noted that the periodic review and reconciliation requirement as set forth in G.L. c. 164, §§ 1A(a) and 1G(a)(2) is for an eighteen-month review process. It is clear that the proposed update filing, which supplements the Company's annual reconciliation filing under the Restructuring Settlement, meets the Act's requirement.

Accordingly, Boston Edison requests that the Hearing Officer adopt the attached procedural schedule, including the provision therein for an updated filing to be made by April 13, 2001.

Respectfully Submitted,

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**Attachment A**  
**PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

**BOSTON EDISON COMPANY, D.T.E. 00-82**

February 1 Motion to Update Filing

February 6 Procedural Conference

April 13 Updated Filing/ 2000 Year-End Data

May 4 Discovery Period Closes (two-week turnaround)

May 18 Deadline for Discovery Responses

May 25 Intervenor Testimony Due (if any)

May 29 Discovery on Intervenor Testimony (if any)

June 11 Deadline for Responses to Intervenor Testimony (if any)

June 11-15 Evidentiary Hearings

June 29 Intervenor Initial Brief

July 13 Company Initial Brief

July 20 Intervenor Reply Brief

July 27 Company Reply Brief